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[Statement about Relationship between FBIS and CIA]

The Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) was established by the Federal Communications Commission in 1941 to monitor German, Italian, and Japanese public radio broadcasts.

It became part of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1947. Its role--directed by the National Security Council--is to monitor foreign radio, television, press wire service news and commentary transmissions to meet the information needs of all U. S. departments and agencies. It also covers foreign language publications and documents and manages the Joint Publications Research Service. Its published products are unclassified and widely disseminated throughout the U.S. Government. Much of the product is also available to the academic community and others in the public sector.